

For Immediate Release

Canal Street Art Gallery's Fourth Annual A WORLD SUSPENDED IN COLOR *Fine Art Glass* Show Opens!

Canal Street Art Gallery presents: The Fourth Annual A WORLD SUSPENDED IN COLOR *Fine Art Glass*, open September 8th, on view to the public through November 13th. This is the next show in Canal Street Art Gallery's new Fall lineup! Canal Street Art Gallery is excited to have the opportunity to again host this diverse and dynamic collection of glass art. Join us on 3rd Friday Gallery Night from 5-7PM and LIVE at 6PM on September 17th to celebrate in our Outdoor Art Tent and in the Gallery. Meet the artists and watch the live Artist Talk at 6PM. Take part in celebrating with the artists, and in sharing their process and experience with glass as a medium of expression while enjoying live music and incredible local art!

This year, The Fourth Annual A WORLD SUSPENDED IN COLOR *Fine Art Glass* show includes members of both The Vermont Glass Guild and the League of N.H. Craftsmen. Canal Street Art Gallery is honored to have available for sale, artwork by Robert Burch, Nicholas Kekic, and Chris Sherwin.

Robert Burch is a master glass blower working in his current studio in Putney, Vermont for over 40 years. Burch's glass work consists of vases, perfume bottles, paperweights and sculptural pieces. His current specialty is artwork that incorporates veiled silver glass with delicate bubble patterns. Says Burch, "Most of my inspiration comes from my natural surroundings, and is further enhanced by the beauty of the glass in its molten state. I am fortunate to have found work that I love and that allows me to be creative." The artist maintains a broad production line, while increasing his focus on one-of-a-kind and commission work. Brandywine Glassworks now supplies over 200 shops and galleries nationwide with glass art, all hand blown by Burch, in his 200-year-old barn. Burch continues to pursue his purpose to get as close to the glass as he can and encourage all of us to do the same!

Nicholas Kekic, now a represented artist at Canal Street Art Gallery relocated his Tsuga Studios from Chester to Rockingham, Vermont, in 2017, turning a renewed industrial mill-space in Bellows Falls into a functional glass shop and showroom. As a third generation glass worker, the culture of the craft shows through in Nicholas Kekic's exceptional and functional art. Kekic was most recently honored with the 86th Annual Craftsmen's Fair First Place award for Best In Glass. Kekic says, "I see more clearly than ever, an exciting and long-term path for my glasswork and my future career in Windham County."

In August of 2005, native Brattleboro artist Chris Sherwin established Sherwin Art Glass within the scenic location of 33 Bridge Street overlooking the Connecticut River in Bellows Falls. Sherwin's furnace and all equipment (except the torch) are powered by the hydro-electricity generated by the dam just feet away from his work benches. Sherwin states, "It feels good to be *green glassblowing* in the Green Mountain State, especially due to my working in a medium that generally uses a lot of fossil fuels."

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in the Historic Downtown Village of Bellows Falls, Vermont. CSAG is open Wednesday to Saturday from 11-5. For more information about the Fourth Annual A WORLD SUSPENDED IN COLOR *Fine Art Glass*, go to canalstreetartgallery.com online, call Mike or Emmett by phone at 802-289-0104, or send emails to artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.